

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 and has objected to the specification and the drawings.

The Examiner has objected to the specification for informalities. All of the informalities, except one, are corrected by the amendments to the specification above. There was one informality that did not require correction, but clarification. The numbers on page 6, lines 6-7 and 11-12 are not percentages, nor are they intended to be percentages. The percentage refers to the percentage of black generation. This has been clarified by other amendments to that paragraph, as well as a completion of the gray component density value definition. It is submitted that the amendments to the specification overcome the objections and withdrawal of those objection is requested.

The drawings have been corrected to overcome the Examiner's objection of the lack of a tag of PRIOR ART on Figure 1.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 2-6, which are dependent on claim 1, are rejected for the same reason. There was a typographical error on page 7, line 7, in which the definition of gray component density value was not completed. This definition has been provided as well as a clarification that the gray component density value and the gray component value previously referred to are the same term. This definition does not constitute new matter, as it is discussed in accordance with this invention on pages 6 and 7.

It is submitted that the amendment to specification to provide this information overcomes the rejection and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

The prior art referred to but not relied upon have been reviewed and are not considered pertinent to the Applicant's invention. Kakutani, Slade, Motta, Huang and Warner refer to methods of mixing diluted and non-diluted inks. Applicant's invention as claimed is directed to a method of using only one concentration of black ink. Iwasaki teaches

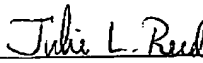
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using inks of all colors that are 1/3 the concentration to increase the gradation characteristics. However, Iwasaki does not address black generation in any manner, much less the black generation as claimed in Applicant's invention.

No new matter has been added by this amendment. Allowance of all claims is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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